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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUE ROAD (CL).  
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HONGKONG, 2nd March, 1903.

It is with much regret we note the silent and steady if not rapid increase in the number of cases of plague in this Colony. On Friday last four cases, all Chinese, were reported, bringing the year's total thus far to thirty cases. All these four cases were fatal, and they occurred in different parts of the Colony. But none of these four cases were dumped, though this practice has been extremely prevalent of late. This is a practice that should, at all costs, be put down, for it undoubtedly helps to spread the disease in more than one direction. In the first case the removal of the body from the tenement occupied by deceased renders it improbable that any effective disinfection is practised in such tenement, and consequently the likelihood of the contagion being spread is enormously increased. The other occupants would, not unnaturally, if the body had been removed—object to the publicity which a good and thorough disinfection of the premises would entail, and the probability is, in most instances, that no steps are taken to cleanse or disinfect the contaminated rooms or cubicles, and the disease is further disseminated. The exposure of the body in the street also has the effect of propagating the disease and causing alarm to timid persons. Moreover, it imposes on the authorities the cost and trouble of the disposal of the body. There should be no insuperable difficulty in grappling with this offence. It is true that the dumping generally takes place in the night when the streets are empty and the chances of detection are lessened. But if the Police took special measures to detect the offenders they certainly ought not to

meet—as they now appear to do—with uniform want of success. Granted that the persons engaged in dumping make a practice of watching the movements of the Police, there should still be no difficulty in outwitting these offenders. It is not our place here to suggest the means, but they are not so very far to seek, and if necessary the employment of informers should be resorted to. It is nothing short of a scandal at present that the Chinese can at their pleasure, without let or hindrance, deposit their dead bodies in the streets of Victoria without running any risk of punishment, thus evading the performance of their duties in the matter, and setting at open defiance the laws of the Colony. If the Police really buckled to this task in grim earnest some of the dumpers would soon be captured, and if made a sharp example of their fat would deter others from adopting the same expedient for getting rid of their friends and shuffling out of the cost and trouble of burying their dead. A warning from His Excellency the Governor addressed to the Police Force to the effect that dumping must be detected and punished would no doubt have an excellent effect.

Throughout the wide world the reports of Mr. Chamberlain's doings in South Africa have been followed with the liveliest interest and satisfaction. The Colonial Secretary is now on his way home, where he will doubtless receive from parties of all shades of political opinion a welcome as enthusiastic as any he has received during his interesting and highly successful tour. It needed no little courage on the part of the Colonial Secretary to undertake such a mission. While the war was in progress Mr. Chamberlain was the best liked man in Europe, and by the Boers he was regarded as the very incarnation of mischief. No act or deed therefore could better display the courage of his statesmanship than his readiness so soon after the proclamation of peace to proceed to the scene of the late strife bearing a message of peace and goodwill. Since he landed at Durban at the end of December his journeyings over the whole arena of the late war holding conferences with our late foes have been marked with a success which has been no less astonishing than gratifying. There has been an almost complete absence of that irreconcilable suileness on the part of the Boer which in many quarters it was so confidently predicted would render Mr. Chamberlain's mission abortive. On the contrary there has been manifested a calm acceptance of facts and a genuine desire to settle down again in the ways of contented industry under British Government. The conferences which the Boer Generals had with the Colonial Secretary in London undoubtedly paved the way for a good understanding and both Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Chamberlain at Ventersdorp the former, addressing the Boers, said that directly he met Mr. Chamberlain in London he recognised that he was a strong man and felt sure that if any one could do good service to South Africa it was Mr. Chamberlain. Events have abundantly justified that feeling. The Colonial Secretary has created a thoroughly good impression among our late foes and has done more in three months to induce them to settle down contentedly again to their avocations in full assurance of fair treatment and just government than messengers from Downing Street would have accomplished in a decade. Mr. Chamberlain will doubtless be welcomed back to England with as great an outburst of enthusiasm as greeted the return of any of the heroes of the war and his speeches in Parliament will be eagerly awaited.

Captain G. C. Anderson will lecture this afternoon in the City Hall on "The Defence of the Empire." His Excellency Major-General Sir William J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., will take the chair.

In connection with a fire which broke out in Victoria Street on 27th December last, a *fokel* employed there has been arrested on a charge of arson, on the complaint of the manager of the Fook On Insurance Society, and remanded.

The N.Y.K. *As. Kinshu Maru* (Bombay Line), which arrived from Shanghai and Japan yesterday, carries a valuable cargo of specie, consisting of 122 bars and 13 cases of silver bullion, and two cases of gold coin; the total value being 329,000 yen.

The reason for the quarantining of the P. & O. steamer *Valenta* on her arrival on Friday was, we understand, the occurrence on board of two cases of smallpox, not chickenpox, as rumoured. The steamer was subsequently released and proceeded north yesterday.

During the 24 hours ended at noon on Saturday three cases of plague, all Chinese, all fatal, occurred, bringing the year's total up to 33. One victim was found on a beggar-boat at Causeway Bay, another floating in the Harbour, and the third came from Wai Tak Lane.

The Right Rev. J. C. Hoare, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, returned by the *Valenta* on Friday.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns that three lots of Crown Land are to be let by public auction.

The appointment of Mr. F. J. Badgley, Captain Superintendent of Police, to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council in succession to Dr. F. W. Clark, is notified in the *Government Gazette*.

The weekly prayer-meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union will be held at the Union Rooms, Beaufield Arcade, to-day, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. W. J. Austey, R.N., will preside.

The death is announced of Mr. E. B. Iremonger, lately Colonial Treasurer of the Straits Settlements. The Singapore papers also record the death of Mr. J. D. McIntosh, the sub-Agent of the Chartered Bank at Ipoh, Perak.

The *Gazette* contains a notification to the effect that information having been received that Manila is now free from cholera, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to rescind the Proclamation No. 2 of the 7th April, 1902, declaring the port to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

Russian commercial men are fully alive to the great importance not only of European but also of Oriental languages for their travellers, and are founding in St. Petersburg a school where "bagnens" can acquire a practical knowledge of Chinese, Persian, and Turkish languages, in order to facilitate their trading relations with the Far East.

Members of the British Columbian Ministry saw the Dominion Government on January 28th, and asked for the adoption by the Dominion Parliament of an immigration law on the lines of the Natal Act with a view to shutting out Chinese and Japanese. The Federal authorities are unwilling, however, to take restrictive measures against Japanese for reasons of Imperial policy.

It is intimated in the *Government Gazette* that Dr. Francis Hall-Wright has been put upon the register of medical and surgical practitioners qualified to practise in the Colony. Dr. Hall-Wright is a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, a licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and a licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

*L'Opinion de Saigon* has published two articles on the decline of the Mississippi Maritimes, which it attributes mainly to two causes, the cost involved by carrying mails, and the lack of cargo business of the Company, and expresses the hope that the action of the directors in adding 15,000,000 francs to the capital for the purpose of cargo trade will bring prosperity again to the Company.

Captain R. C. Allan, C.B., one of the oldest officers in the Royal Navy, died on Jan. 28th, at his residence in Meida-vale, London, in the 91st year of his age. As master of the *Vizen* he was present during the war with China in 1841-42 at the storming and capture of Chinkiang and the signing of the Treaty of Nanking. For his China services he had the medal. He was afterwards master of the *Dido* in 1842-43, serving in her boats against the pirates in Borneo.

The *L. & C. Express* understands that the Straits Currency Commission has concluded taking its evidence, and will proceed immediately to the consideration of its report. The evidence has, our contemporary believes, been of a very conflicting nature, and can scarcely be said to be anything like a consensus of opinion. The report it was expected would be ready for presentation to the Colonial Office some time in February. It will probably first be communicated to the Straits Government, so that it should be some little time yet before anything will be done in the matter. Our contemporary also notes that the French Commission which is considering the same question in regard to French Indo-China is actively at work taking evidence and discharging its problem. No resolution has yet been arrived at, but it is hinted in a tolerably well-informed quarter that it is probable a value will be given to the local dollar in relation to the £20 gold coinage at home, and that Mexican dollars would be demonetised.

The *Footnote Echo* contains an account of the presentation to Miss Myers of the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross conferred by His Majesty the King in recognition of her services during the siege of the Peking Legations. Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, H.B.M.'s Consul, made the presentation. The services for which the Cross was conferred, were briefly alluded to in Sir Claude MacDonald's despatch of September 20th to the Marquis of Salisbury. In the concluding paragraph he wrote:—"I cannot conclude this despatch without saying a word of praise respecting the ladies of all nationalities who so ably assisted the defence, notwithstanding the terrible shadow which at all times hung over the Legation—a shadow which the never-ending rattle of musketry and crash of shell and round shot and the diminishing number of defenders rendered ever present. They behaved with infinite patience and cheerfulness, helping personally in the hospital, or in making sandbags and bandages, and assisting in every possible way. Especially to be commended are two young ladies—Miss Myers and Miss Daisy Brazier who daily filtered the water for the hospital (a by no means easy task in the tropical heat with a handpump filter) and carried it there themselves, as often as not with the bullets bursting in trees overhead."

The London correspondent of the *Berliner Tagblatt* telegraphed to that journal, on January 24th, that Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister at Peking, is preparing a treaty with China, which will establish close relations between the Southern Chinese provinces, on the one hand, and India and Burma on the other. The telegram also asserts that English firms despatch the treaty forbidding the importation of arms into China, have sent ships laden with arms and ammunition to that country.

If there is one thing more than another that the blue-jacket loves, it is a "coaling carnival." Coaling ship is now an important naval evolution, remarks a London contemporary, and each crew vies with the others in endeavouring to put the greatest amount of coal in the bunkers in a certain time. Everyone dons his dirtiest clothes, officers, doctors and chaplains all help, and with songs and shouts, and amid the deafening roar of the grating Temperley Transporters, the work goes merrily on. The Channel Squadron coaled at Portsmouth at the end of January, and the *Majestic* came out top. She took in 1,700 tons at the rate of 22.5 tons per hour, and Admiral Sir A. K. Wilson, V.C. is proud of his flagship's achievement. It does not, however, come up to the coaling record made by the *Terrible* at Hongkong.

A correspondent signing himself "Shanghai," in the course of a letter to the *London Daily Chronicle* on the labour question in South Africa, remarks:—"When Great Britain and America a good many years ago invaded the Yangtze Kiang with their steamers, they naturally displaced an enormous number of men whose living depended on the junk traffic. There was for the time no apparent remedy, though later on many of the junkmen found employment as sailors, pilots, &c., on these men which had displaced the junks. But the Chinese Government never dreamed of asking compensation from us for the displacement of their subjects' industries. Further than this, we have for forty years been claiming from the Chinese Government increased privileges of inland travel and residence for our subjects. And now, when a chance arises of giving Chinamen a share in the labour exploitation of South Africa, the manners and customs of the wily Celestials are adduced as a reason for his non-employment, as if, indeed, we were not capable of providing against the consequences of his occasional lapses from our ideas of good behaviour. The position taken up seems to me somewhat illogical, to say the least of it."

## SHOOTING.

ROYAL MARINE MONTHLY SWEEPSTAKES—  
FEBRUARY, 1903.

The following were the principal scores in this competition:—

CLASS A.	200	500	600	Total
Col. Serjt. Cross, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. <i>Tamar</i> ...	32	33	34	99
Serjt. Myers, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. <i>Zebrup</i> ...	33	32	27	92
Bomb. Louille, R.M.A., H.M.S. <i>Ocean</i> ...	33	3	25	80
Capt. W. T. C. Jones, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., H.M.S. <i>Cressy</i> ...	27	28	30	85
Pte. Collier, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. <i>Cressy</i> ...	31	32	20	83
CLASS B.	24	entries.		
Pte. G. Buckenham, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. <i>Cressy</i> ...	31	32	34	97
Serjt. A. Powell, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. <i>Amphitrite</i> ...	31	31	19	81
	21	entries.		

## POLICE COURT RETURNS.

The returns of the Police Court for 1902, compiled by Mr. F. A. Haselard, Police Magistrate, are published in the *Government Gazette*. They show that during the year 18,057 prisoners were charged in 6,070 cases. This total comprised 14,404 males and 803 females convicted and punished, 2,071 males and 63 females discharged; 99 prisoners were committed for trial at the Supreme Court; nine males were detained pending orders from H.E. the Governor; 266 were ordered to find surety to keep the peace; six were ordered to find security to be of good behaviour; and 18 were ordered to find security to answer any charge. Three male and two female witnesses were punished for perjury, and the cases of 21 males were undecided. Summonses for defendants numbered 5,367, and for witnesses 46. There were 187 warrants for arrest, 1,474 for search and 162 for entering gambling-houses. Only one fire enquiry was held during the year.

## NEW FRENCH SUBMARINE.

Far from abandoning the submarine boat, France is building this type of warship on a large scale. There is immediately to be laid down at Cherbourg a new French "submersible," known as "Q. 35," which has been designed by M. Romazotti, the builder of the *Gustave Zede* and the *Morse*. She will be the biggest under-water vessel ever constructed. Her displacement when submerged will exceed 350 tons; her length will be 147 feet, her beam 12 feet, and her draught 7 feet. She will be driven on the surface by an internal combustion engine, and submerged by electric accumulators. She will be provided with twin screws, will carry two torpedo-tubes, and will have a complement of two officers and eighteen men. Her surface speed will be about eleven knots, and her under-water speed eight knots. Her cost will exceed £50,000. Up till now the largest submarine boat in the world has been the *Gustave Zede*, whose displacement is 266 tons when in the heavy condition, i.e., with ballast tanks empty. British submarines, Nos. 1-5, have a displacement when submerged of 120 tons only. Hitherto all the French "submersibles" have been driven on the surface by a steam engine, fed with liquid fuel; but as this type of motor does not allow of rapid submergence—an essential feature with under-water boats—an explosive engine is to be substituted.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.  
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 27th February, 2.10 p.m.

## BOXER ALARMS.

The Brussels correspondent of the *Standard* states that the Manager of the Peking-Hankow railway declares Dr. Colman's apprehensions of the imminence of another Boxer rising to be unfounded. This coincides with reports received by the Belgian Government.

## THE QUESTION OF CONSULAR JURISDICTION AT SHANGHAI.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Joseph Walton, M.P., questioned the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs as to the *modus vivendi* agreed upon by the Powers regarding consular jurisdiction in Shanghai. Lord Cromer replied that the arrangement was provisional, but he would give it if it were moved for.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

## PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 25th February.

Mr. John Redmond in an amendment to the address, urged the fullest performance of the Land Conference Report. He and his friends hoped and believed that the Government was framing a great measure for justice to and the appeasement of Ireland. Mr. Wyndham said he considered that Mr. Redmond's speech conveyed hopeful portents.

## LADY MACDONALD DECORATED.

LONDON, 26th February.

Lady Macdonald has received the Royal Red Cross for nursing services rendered during the siege of Peking.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN HOMEWARD BOUND.

LONDON, 26th February.

Mr. Chamberlain sailed for England yesterday evening, receiving an enthusiastic farewell.

## THE PHILIPPINE CURRENCY BILL.

LONDON, 26th February.

The Washington House has passed the Philippine Currency Bill without Mr. Patterson's amendment. The Senate has agreed to the Bill as passed.

[A despatch to the *Cablenews* dated the 25th ult. states that the U.S. Senate bill for the establishment of a currency system in the Philippine Islands has passed the House of Representatives. This action was taken immediately upon the report of the Committee on Insular Affairs and the recommendations of that committee were embodied in the Act in the shape of an amendment. This amendment is that all debts incurred before the last day of January, 1903, may be paid in the present legal tender. The committee also withdrew its amendment calling for the establishment of the ratio between silver and gold by a commission to be appointed by the President.—Ed. D.P.]

## PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 26th February.

Mr. Cairne in an amendment to the address regretted that there was no reduction of military expenditure in India. Lord George Hamilton declared that the military expenditure of nearly every great country in the world had increased except India, where the establishment was the smallest in the world in proportion to the population. The amendment was negatived without a division and the address adopted.

## SIR MICHAEL HERBERT.

LONDON, 27th February.

It is reported that Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador at Washington, has received the Cross of St. Michael for his services in connection with the Venezuela negotiations.

## CHINA.

LONDON, 27th February.

Reuter's Agency in Peking wires that the rebellion in Kwangsi is increasing and spreading to Hunan.

## RETURN OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, 27th February.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught leave India to-day, having completed their tour.

## THE BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.

## "MRS. DANE'S DEFENCE."

Rapid changes are to be the policy of the Brough Company during the remainder of the season. So the management announce. It is a pity that this should apply to *Mrs. Dane's Defence*, the play which was produced on Saturday, and will be repeated to-night for the last time. The work of Mr. Henry Arthur Jones has long been far too known to the English playgoer. His *Mrs. Dane's Defence* transcends in many ways all his previous efforts. It made a decided hit when produced at Wyndham's and it possesses attributes that make its continued success a surety as far as one can speak of certainty in relation to mundane matters. The reception given it in Hongkong was unmistakably cordial; and it is to be regretted that the public will have only one more opportunity of seeing the play. A famous critic said of *Mrs. Dane's Defence* that it has in it character, passion, satire; that it has all the essential qualities. Any one who has seen it will admit that it is one of the best modern plays which have been written. The story is simple. The development is highly interesting, and there is an intensity of passion about the play that keeps the attention of the spectator in a state of constant alertness. As produced by the Brough Company, *Mrs. Dane's Defence* loses nothing in the telling. One and all did their parts with distinction. There was not one weak spot in the cast. In the character of Sir Daniel Carterot, Mr. Brough had a part to play which eminently suited and displayed his powers. Mrs. Brough, as Mrs. Dane, had a very exciting rôle, calling for the exercise of those high artistic abilities that she possesses; her portrayal of the character was splendid and drew forth admiration from all sides. Mr. Ernest Vere gave a fine study of Lionel Carterot. Miss Susie Vanghan acted with her accustomed cleverness as the scandal-loving Mrs. Bulsom Porter, while Mr. Leslie Victor gave a capital depiction of her hen-pecked husband. The other parts were all admirably filled, these being Canon Boney (Mr. McIntyre), Mr. James Kinsey (Mr. W. T. Lovell), Fendick (Mr. Orlando Daly), Adams (Mr. Percy Walshe), Wilson (Mr. McLean), Janet Colquhoun (Miss Brenda Gibson) and Lady Eastney (Miss Temple). A special word of praise must be given to Mr. Claude White for the success of his scenic effects. Lady Eastney's drawing-room got a hearty round of applause when the curtain rose upon it. This scene was painted in Hongkong since Mr. White came here and was as pretty as it was effective. The dressing of the piece all through was superb.

To-night *Mrs. Dane's Defence* will be repeated. To-morrow evening *The Magistrate* will be staged.

## HONGKONG'S NEW POSTMASTER.

The following account of the marriage of the new Postmaster of Hongkong is taken from the *Belfast Newsletter*:

The ancient seaport of Ardglass was the scene of a very pretty wedding, and the event attracted not only the attention of the inhabitants, but also excited a good deal of interest among the people of Downpatrick and other neighbouring towns. The bridegroom was Mr. Lewis Audley Marsh Johnston, J.P., eldest son of the late Mr. William Johnston, M.P., of Ballykillybeg; while the bride was Miss Emily Sophia Jones, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Thomas J. Jones, M.A., rector of Tulliskan, diocese of Armagh, and Mrs. Jones, of King's Castle, Ardglass. The weather unfortunately was of a most unpleasant description. Rain fell almost continuously, and a stiff wind prevailed, but notwithstanding this drawback the people turned out in large numbers and filled to overflowing the Parish Church where the ceremony took place. From many of the houses gay bunting and flags were displayed, while the interior of the church was tastefully decorated with holly, ferns, and other evergreens. At the chancel rails were a few towering palms and artistically arranged flowers and plants. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H. A. Jones, rector of Tyrrell, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. Hannah, rector of Ardglass. As the bride, leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Seven Brereton Martin, who gave her away, entered the church the choir sang the beautiful hymn commencing "Father of life, confessing." The bride looked exceedingly pretty in ivory-white duchesse satin, trimmed with lace and chiffon, tulle veil with true lover's knot of real orange blossom. She carried a magnificent shower bouquet the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Isabel Jones and Miss Kathleen Manson, sister and cousin respectively of the bride. They were charmingly dressed in pale blue liberty silk trimmed with lace insertion, and had black picture hats. They wore gold curb bracelets, and carried bouquets of scarlet tulips the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Arthur Staveley. The service of tying the mystic knot having been gone through, the hymn "Time for ever, God of love," was exquisitely rendered. The marriage register was duly signed in the vestry, and the happy pair left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's time-honoured "Wedding March," played on the organ by Miss Fingles. A large crowd outside received them with showers of confetti and rice, and as they entered their carriage hearty acclamations broke forth on all sides. A reception was afterwards given by Mrs. Jones at the King's Castle, the guests numbering about fifty, and here the bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends. In the afternoon the newly-married couple left in time to catch the 4.30 p.m. train from Downpatrick to Belfast en route to Hongkong, of which place Mr. Johnston has been appointed Postmaster-General. The bride's going-away dress was of white serge, and she wore a white felt hat trimmed with white ostrich feathers and blue panne velvet. The presents to both the bride and bridegroom were numerous and costly.







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4. Washing.  
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Forms of Tender, and any further particulars, can be obtained on application to this Office either personally, or by letter addressed to the DEPUTY ASSISTANT QUARTERS MASTER (B), between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

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**W. A. C. DENNY,** Major, D. A. A. General. Head Quarters Office, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [639]

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## IS BRITISH COMMERCE ON THE DECLINE?

In the September number of the *Fortnightly Review* Mr. J. Holt Schoelling addressed an "Open Letter to the Working Men of Great Britain." To this "A British Workman" replies in the new number of the *Fortnightly*, and in the course of half-a-dozen pages puts the counter case to Mr. Schoelling very effectively. The "British Workman" begins by traversing Mr. Schoelling's assertion that British trade is on the decline. He replies that we have every confidence that British commerce is not on the decline. In support of this assertion he quotes from the official statistics the figures relating to exports of hardware and cutlery, industries which have been subjected to the most constant competition.

For the first nine months of the year 1900 our exports of hardware were valued at £1,093,052, for the same period of the year 1891 the value was £1,058,673, while the figures given for the first nine months of the present year show exports of hardware amounting to £1,126,406.

The figures given for the same periods for exports of cutlery are as follows:—In the year 1900 the value was £467,168; in 1901, £464,559; and in 1902, £479,441.

The returns for shipbuilding are even more remarkable, for in the last three years the increase of the tonnage of ships built over the previous ten was 94,725 tons, or more than the total tonnage built in 1893. The export of steam engines shows an increase this year of 14 per cent. over the nine months' exports of 1901. If British trade is falling off, the "British Workman" contends that it is not to be explained by any diminution of energy among his fellows. In support of this he gives some remarkable statistics. In 1895 the average output of coal was 270 tons per man per year. In 1896 it rose to 282 tons per man per year. The "British Workman" admits, however, that there may be something in the accusation in relation to other workers, for he asserts that the worker has lost interest in his work because specialisation has reduced him from the position of a skilled artisan to that of a mere human machine. Supervision has been increased of late by 25 per cent., and it has often been of a kind which has increased the distaste of the workman for labour. Nevertheless, with all his faults, says this writer, there is no workman so reliable, so capable, or so energetic as the Britisher.

Why, then, is John Bull losing ground in the neutral markets? Because, says the "British Workman," what with mining rights and royalties, preferential railway rates and shipping rates, and other grievances, John Bull's position is that of the scotchman in a sprint handicap. He then quotes figures which Sir Christopher Furness has also quoted as to the exceedingly heavy royalties charged on pig-iron in England and Scotland as compared with foreign countries. The railways, he says, cost £42,000 per mile in Great Britain as against £13,000 in the United States and £21,000 in Germany. The cause of this was that the railways had to pay in England so much for the land that the cost of construction was double and treble that elsewhere. An Atlantic liner in a journey to America and back consumes 4,100 tons of coal. The royalties paid on this quantity equal £200, or more than the total wages paid to the crew. It requires £100 worth of labour to produce 600 tons of pig-iron. The royalty is about twice that sum. Put commercial royalties on the same footing as those of Germany, and the result will astonish the world. Preferential railway rates also handicap the British producer. Finally, the "British Workman" roundly denies that there is a particle of evidence to show that the British workman drinks twice as much intoxicants as the foreigner.

**THE REMOUNT SCANDAL.** Mr. Ernest Williams returns to the charge of "utter want of businesslike administrative capacity on the part of the Government" in the January *Windsor*, and selects the Remount Scandal for special attack. This is his succinct account of the prime *faux pas*:—

"During the early, dark days of the war, when the need for largely reinforcing the troops in South Africa became pressing, the War Office delegated some of its work to an Imperial Yeomanry Committee. This Committee was charged with the purchase of horses for the Yeomanry. The work was placed particularly in the hands of Colonel St. Quintin, who having no information of his own at his command, asked a Captain Hartigan if he knew where horses could be obtained. Captain Hartigan produced one Lewison, having first arranged with him for a 2½ per cent. commission. Lewison obtained a contract for 1,000 horses from Hungary, to be delivered free on board at Fiume, at £35 each, a figure which is only paid for the best cavalry mounts. A somewhat similar contract had been made with another man named Banucci. Lewison bought Banucci's contract for £28,000, subsequently reduced to £7,000, as the War Office Committee by this time had induced Lewison to accept £33,168, 8d. instead of £35. Lewison, who was not himself a horse-dealer, or in a position to buy horses directly, went to Vienna, and there met a dealer named Hauser, with whom he contracted for the horses at £22 per head, delivered at a place called Szabadka. The transport charges thence to Fiume were about £3 per head. Hauser bought the horses for from £18 to £12 per head, and some, it is said, for £6 or £7. Now see what this comes to. If we allow £10 per horse and £4 for transport, the Government was buying for £331. 6s. 8d. animals for which it should not have paid more than £14, delivered at the port of embarkation. . . . A month later Lewison was given another contract, for 2,900 cobs at £26; and when Colonel St. Quintin was asked to justify the difference, he said that in the interval he had learned something about prices.

Mr. Williams passes on to the enormous expense of the transport of these over-priced horses. £18 a head was paid by the Government, when £6 10s. was all that private contractors paid. He lays stress on the sinister fact that all the contracts were made with one firm. The War Office, in its purchase of horses, had evidently no information of its own; it also refused the information and assistance of civilian experts, and calmly ignored the military attaches in Austria and America, whose advice would have been invaluable. Mr. Williams approves Sir David Macpherson's suggestion that a Commercial Board should be appointed at the War Office to deal with all contracts.

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insult to his nation. While he stood undecided a "bird" hurled a handful of olives at him. Instantly there was a storm of olives, hams, bread, cracked ice and radishes that continued until Von Gossler sat down. He ate a few courses in quiet, but the "Hamming Birds" began to get ugly again and he discreetly retired.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* of the 29th ult. writes on the Venezuelan situation as follows:—There is a feeling in the country that the measures taken by Germany against Venezuela are not warranted from the standpoint of the German professions of intention or from any other standpoint except that a country deliberately intending to provoke an issue with the United States in regard to the Monroe doctrine and take the chance of



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LONDON VIA GENOA	"KINPUCK"	On 31st March.
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LONDON	"JASON"	On 28th April.

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AMOI, SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	On 7th March.
Cebu and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 7th March.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 11th March.
MANILA	"CHANGSHA"	On 11th March.
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Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. K. NAKASHIMA, Manager. [478]

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"AFRIDI" ... 15th April.

"RICHMOND CASTLE" ... 30th April.

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [2]

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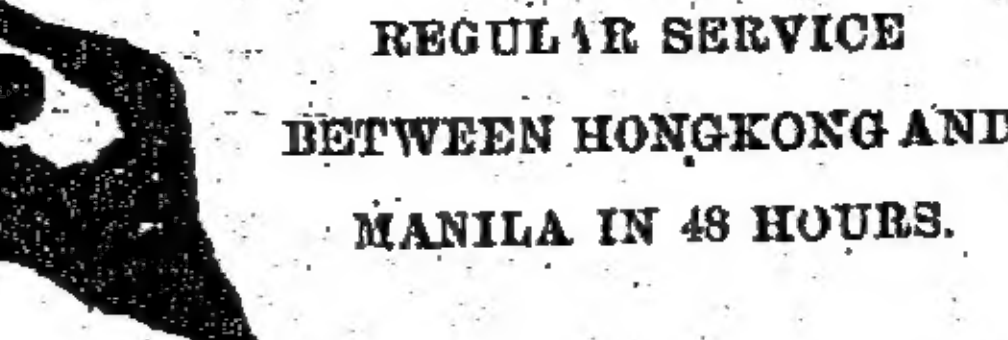
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Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [674]

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THE Company's Steamship

#### "INDRAMAYO"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd March, at 10 A.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [650]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

### THE Steamship

#### "GREGORY APCAR"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 2nd March, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.  
**DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.**  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [667]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

### THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

#### "MAZAGON"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 5th prox., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [1]

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

### A GENERAL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, at 6 P.M., in the CRICKET CLUB PAVILION, to consider the question of Amalgamating with the Hongkong Boat Club.

M. W. SLADE, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [654]

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## NOTICE.

### THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER

will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB on SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Any Devotees wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1903. [597]

## NAVY CONTRACTS 1903-1904.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, H.M. Victualling Yard, until Noon, on THURSDAY, the 12th MARCH, for the undermentioned Articles:—



